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## RUSSIAN LINE FIRM ON THE RIGA FRONT

In Other Sections the Austro-German Offensive is Again Making Headway

### TWO GRODNO FORTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

Likely That the Muscovites Have Left the Whole Fortress to Its Fate—Vilna Will Be the Next Objective of Austro-Germans—Germans Claim to Have Recovered Trenches in the Vosges—Increased Activity at the Dardanelles is Shown in Reports—A Despatch from Rome Says That the Austrians Have Evacuated Roverto

London, Sept. 2, 9:40 p. m.—Except in the region of Riga, where the Russians are presenting a solid front to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, the Austro-German offensive is again making headway and, as they have been doing for four months, the Russian troops have resumed their withdrawal movement.

The western forts of Grodno were destroyed after two of them were destroyed by the heavy guns and stormed by the German infantry and is considered extremely likely that the whole fortress has already been left to its fate, for it was no longer tenable after the Germans crossed the Grodno-Vilna railway, which they did at two points, and had penetrated the forest of Bieloviesh, southeast of the town.

Vilna, doubtless, will be the next objective of the Austro-Germans on this front. In the southeast, Vienna also reports a series of successes which have virtually driven the Russians out of Galicia. They now hold only a very narrow strip between the Sereth river and Bessarabia. Across the border in the latter province, the Austrians state, the Russians set fire to a number of villages, which might indicate further retreat. Thus, the hopes raised in the allied countries by recent successes, that Russia at least was making a stand, have been dissipated.

Everywhere the Austro-Germans claim to be advancing, but they have not recently captured any great number of men or guns. The Russian guns have been kept well behind the infantry and are quickly moved back when the rear guards are unable longer to hold off the invaders. There is some talk of an advance on Kiev, but the distance to that city is considerable and the country over which it would have to be made is difficult for the movement of troops.

On the western front the Germans claim to have recovered trenches which they lost in the middle of August in the Vosges, while the French simply refer to the heavy artillery engagements which have been the feature of the last nine days, with no suggestion of what they are effecting.

Increased activity at the Dardanelles is shown in all the official reports. Besides their success in capturing an im-

### Cabled Paragraphs

Visited Emperor Francis Joseph. Vienna, Sept. 2, via London, 6:25 p. m.—A deputation of 470 representatives from Hungary and Croatia today visited the Emperor Francis Joseph in his castle at Schoenbrunn. They were introduced by Count Tizla, the premier, and by Cardinal Czernoch. The emperor received a great ovation when he entered the reception room.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR NEW GERMAN WAR LOAN. Formal Call Has Been Issued by the Reichsbank.

Berlin, Sept. 2, by Wireless Telegraphy to Sayville, N. Y.—The managers of the Reichsbank have issued formal call for subscriptions to the new war loan. The new loan is pointed out editorially that great advantages are offered to investors, who are able to obtain with their savings nine-year imperial bonds paying five percent. Private banks and savings institutions announce their readiness to assist their depositors to subscribe. The loan has several new features. The issue will be confined to bonds, no treasury notes being sold. Moreover, it will be possible for the first time to purchase these bonds at post offices.

The Reichsbank managers, private bankers, and the newspapers predict that the loan will be as successful as on the last two former occasions, and that Germany will win "a third great battle upon the financial field."

13 FAMILIES OWN 1-15 OF MANHATTAN. Property is Assessed at a Total of \$205,404,875.

New York, Sept. 2.—Thirteen families own one-fifth of the assessed land in the borough of Manhattan, according to a statement issued here today by the Society to Lower Taxes and Reduce Taxes on homes which is making a study of what is termed the "land monopoly of this city."

The society claims there are 550,000 families in Manhattan and that thirteen are the owners of property assessed at a total of \$205,404,875. It is also claimed that members of the families own considerable property in the other boroughs of New York which are said to contain 1,000,000 families.

The statement assessed thirteen families are the following:

The Astors, the Vanderbilts, the Rhineclands, O. B. Potter properties, J. D. Morgan, J. P. Morgan & Co., Goetz, Ehrerts, Gerys, Charles F. G. Hoffman estate, William R. H. Martin, Eugene Hoffman.

STRIKE AT ANOTHER REMINGTON PLANT. Want Higher Wages and Recognition of Union.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 2.—Several hundred men employed in the construction of the new plant of the Remington Arms Company at Edgelyton, today joined the strikers who walked out early in the week to enforce demands for higher wages and recognition of their union, according to officials of the building trades council in this city. They claim that between seven and eight hundred men are now in the plant and that further progress on the big plant is being made until the strikers' demands are granted.

The contractors, however, deny this statement. They say plenty of men are available to do the work and that the work will not be seriously hampered. The strikers include carpenters, plumbers, bricklayers, elevator constructors and painters.

TWO MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM SUBMARINE F-4 Identified as C. H. Wells of Norfolk and F. N. Herzog of Salt Lake City.

Honolulu, Sept. 2.—The two bodies taken yesterday from the United States submarine F-4, which was refueled today as those of Charles H. Wells of Norfolk, Va., machinist, and Frank N. Herzog of Salt Lake City, Utah, were identified today.

Wells was identified by a notebook which naval officers in charge of the work contained no information as to the whereabouts of the submarine's disappearance in Honolulu Bay March 25, with 22 men on board.

The identification of Herzog was made through records of dental work done for him.

HARTFORD BOY BELIEVED KILLED IN FRANCE. Crossed on Cattle Boat and Enlisted in British Army.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 2.—David Goldman of this city, aged 18, who recently enlisted in the British army, is believed to have been killed in action in France. Goldman worked his way across the Atlantic last January in a cattle boat and later joined the army in Scotland.

His guardian here requested Cong. George D. Oakley to endeavor to trace the boy. Today, it became known that the English authorities had reported him to be either killed or missing.

NEW HAVEN TO HAVE BIG LABOR DAY PARADE. Delegations Expected From All Parts of the State.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 2.—Final plans were made tonight by the labor trade council for the labor parade in this city on Labor day, which is expected to be one of the largest demonstrations of its kind in the state in years.

The parade, which starts at 11 o'clock, will be composed of ten divisions; twenty bands will take part and eighty different labor organizations will march. The delegations will come from all parts of Connecticut.

CAPERTON TAKES ANOTHER HAYTI CUSTOM HOUSE. Company of Marines From Survey Ship Eagle Occupy Building at Petit Goave.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The custom house at Petit Goave, Hayti, has been taken over by a company of Marines landed from the survey ship Eagle, according to a despatch today from Rear Admiral Caperton. It is the sixth custom house taken over by American forces.

## Mrs. Mohr Out On \$10,000 Bond

CHARGED WITH "COUNSELLING" KILLING OF HUSBAND DENIES THE CHARGES

Three Negroes Claim That She Offered Them \$5,000 to Kill Her Husband—Three are Now Held on Murder Charge

Providence, R. I., Sept. 2.—Fifteen hours after Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr had been arrested as the result of the confession by three negroes that she had offered them \$5,000 to kill her husband, a wealthy physician of this city and Newport, she was released on \$10,000 bail tonight.

In view of the serious charge that she had aided, counseled and hired the three men to kill Dr. Mohr, who was shot down at the time his secretary, Miss Emily G. Berger, was seriously wounded by the financial field.

SECOND REGIMENT WINS WOODRUFF BUFFALO TROPHY. Made a Score of 1,105 Out of a Possible 2,000 at East Haven.

New Haven, Sept. 2.—The Woodruff buffalo trophy for marksmanship, the gift of former Governor Rollin S. Woodruff, was won today at the East Haven rifle range by an eight-man team from the Second regiment, Connecticut National Guard. The score was 1,105 out of a possible 2,000.

The Second Connecticut cavalry was a close second with a score of 1,070. The First Connecticut infantry was third with 1,039.

The distinguished marksmanship medal was captured by Captain George C. Freeland of Company D, Second infantry, of New Haven, with a score of 229. Captain H. F. Ladborg of Company I, First regiment of New Britain, and Sergeant J. F. Fitzgibbons of Company A, First infantry, of Hartford, were tied for second place with a score of 228.

UNABLE TO INDICT ANYONE FOR FRANK LYNCHING Grand Jury Failed to Connect Anybody with the Crime.

Marion, Ga., Sept. 2.—The Cobb County grand jury reported today that it had been unable to find enough evidence, after a two days' examination of witnesses, to indict anyone for the lynching of Leo M. Frank.

The report stated: "We have found several clues, but we have been unable to find anyone who could identify the building in which the lynching took place, and we regret to state that we have been unable to find enough evidence to indict anyone for this crime."

After stating that the jury had been active in cooperation with Governor Harris, the state attorney general, Solicitor Herbert Clay and other officials of Cobb County, the report adds:

"We have been unable to connect anyone with the perpetration of this offense, or to identify anyone who was connected with it, although we have investigated the information furnished by other parties, and we have followed up letters, signed and unsigned and to this end we have subpoenaed and examined many witnesses, and we have disclosed the perpetrators of this crime, but none of these witnesses could identify any of the parties."

Secretary Garrison REPLIES TO CRITICS Says Those Who Have Read His Views Can Have No Doubt of His Position.

New York, Sept. 2.—The American defense society made public today the reply of William Lloyd Garrison, secretary of war, to the society's letter asking him to define the policy of the administration in regard to an aggressive war against Germany.

The letter was addressed to the board of trustees, in view of the reprimand publicly administered to Major-General Wood for permitting the speech of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt at the Pittsburgh convention.

Secretary Garrison said in his reply:

"Your letter dated August 28 reached my office yesterday. It was published in the newspapers of August 29, and it was obviously prepared and published to cause me embarrassment. I am asked in it, either directly or indirectly, to pass judgment upon the capacity or the good faith of many officials and other people, some of whom are named and others of whom are left unidentified."

Miss Catherine M. Chauncey. Hartford, Sept. 2.—Miss Catherine M. Chauncey, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Peter B. Chauncey, rector of the First church, New York, and granddaughter on the paternal side of Commodore Isaac Chauncey, famous in the war of 1812, and on the maternal side of Commodore James T. Renbush, a United States naval officer, died here today. She was a member of the Church of the Transfiguration in New York city, and a sister of Mrs. George T. Linsley, wife of the rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, this city, and of Mrs. E. Henry Anderson of New York city.

British Steamer Whitefield Sunk. Hartlepool, England, Sept. 2, 3 a. m.—The British steamer Whitefield has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

The Whitefield was a vessel of 1,633 tons. She was owned by W. Maclean and Company of West Hartlepool. Available shipping records do not show the recent movements of the steamer.

## Mexicans Kill Two Americans

BODIES FOUND 12 MILES NORTH OF BROWNSVILLE RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Platoon of United States Infantry Kills One Outlaw and Routs a Band of Sixteen—Had Burned a Railroad Trestle Bridge

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 2.—The bullet-riddled bodies of two Americans who were early today kidnapped by Mexican bandits about twelve miles north of here, were found late today in the bed of a dried lake.

They were Earl Donaldson, a farmer who came here from Fayette, Mo., two weeks ago, and an engineer named Smith, engaged in concrete construction work on an irrigation canal. The bodies were brought to Brownsville tonight.

Bandits Fight U. S. Soldiers. In a fight today between a platoon of United States infantry and sixteen outlaws, one of the Mexicans was killed and the rest of the band put to flight. The fight occurred 11 miles north of here. None of the Americans was hurt.

The band to which was ascribed the burning of a railroad trestle north of here last night, today was held responsible for the kidnapping of three Americans and the burning of a pump station. A contractor named Dodson managed to escape when the American troops appeared and fired on the Mexicans. The other Americans were carried away by the Mexicans and their fate was not known until their bodies were found.

Lieutenant Faulkner, who commanded the detachment searching for outlaws, said that the Mexicans were in five trucks bearing the Americans were traveling along the old Alice stage coach road when a band was seen. Called upon to halt, the Mexicans showed fight, using an irrigation canal as a trench, while ten fled down the canal. After a short fight five more Mexicans fled, leaving their dead comrades.

TAFT DAY EXERCISES AT PANAMA EXPOSITION. Former President Advocated Preparedness For War.

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 2.—William H. Taft, former president of the United States, today preparedness for war today, illustrated his views and detailed the means to that end, in an address delivered at "Taft Day" exercises at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

In the ceremonies preceding the address Mr. Taft, who while president of the United States, broke ground for the exposition four years ago, said: "I took in hand the silver spade he used then and planted a California redwood tree."

He reviewed portions of the United States Coast artillery at the Presidio of San Francisco and later he addressed the United States business men's training camp at the exposition, where they made their first public appearance in company formation.

A silver loving cup, inscribed "In Grateful Remembrance of His Unfailing Friendship and the Fulfillment of His Confidence that 'San Francisco' was presented to him by the exposition officials.

PRESIDENT REQUESTED PLANS FOR DEFENSE. To Embody in His Annual Message to Congress.

Washington, Sept. 2.—President Wilson tonight made public letters he wrote to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels last month asking them to formulate for him definite programs for strengthening the national defense in order that he might make recommendations to congress in his next annual message.

The president told the two secretaries he wanted them to confer with the best informed experts of their departments and submit plans formulated in very definite terms. Whether the entire program could be proposed to congress immediately, he said, would have to be determined after further study.

In accordance with this request Secretaries Garrison and Daniels have been at work on their reports for more than a month and now have them virtually completed. They will be submitted to the president. Then he will discuss them with the chairmen of the military and naval affairs committees of congress.

425,000 HORSES AND MULES SHIPPED TO BELIGERENTS There are Now About 21,000,000 Horses and 4,000,000 Mules in the Country.

Washington, Sept. 2.—To date 425,000 horses and mules have been shipped out of the United States for the European belligerents and their purchase has been a big item in the market for medium class horses, department of agriculture officials said today. Very few high bred horses have been exported and the result is that prices for ordinary animals have increased.

The supply of horses is not being seriously depleted, government officials estimate that there are today approximately 21,000,000 horses and 4,000,000 mules in this country.

### OBITUARY.

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### Condensed Telegrams

Walter W. Warwick was sworn in as Controller of the U. S. Treasury.

The Argentine trade congress will meet in Buenos Aires, November 1.

The battleship New York left the Brooklyn Navy Yard for Vera Cruz.

The Norwegian steamer Alfred Nobel, from New York, arrived at Havre, with three holds on fire.

Cardinal Gibbons conferred with President Wilson at the White House.

Antonio Flores, former president of Ecuador, died in Geneva, Switzerland.

Equal suffrage was defeated in Alabama when the senate rejected a bill, 21 to 10.

The Syracuse (N. Y.) City Bank has increased its capital from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Today will be celebrated as "out-of-debt" day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

About 1,500 carpenters went on strike at Newark, N. J. They want \$4.50 a day.

The American Fisheries Society opened its 45th annual convention at San Francisco.

Fire in the factory of the Twitchell-Chapman Co. at Portland, Me., caused damage of \$75,000.

The condition of Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is said to be improving.

The production of the Mohawk Mining Co. in August totalled 934 tons of mineral, a record output.

The Navy Survey yacht Eagle is making an inspection trip along the southwestern coast of Hayti.

Benton McMillin, American Minister to Peru, left Lima for the United States on leave of absence.

Copper exports during August aggregated 15,359 tons, against 34,145 tons the same month last year.

The Norwegian steamship Corona, from Shields to Baltimore, has put in Belfast with her machinery deranged.

The Peruvian Government is reported to have ordered two cruisers from the Spanish shipyards at Ferrol.

The fifth Haytian custom house, at Gonaves, on the West coast, was taken over by the American naval officers.

Two persons were killed and two others injured when a carriage was struck by a Reading express train in Philadelphia.

The Miners Federation accepted the terms of settlement reached in London and the coal strike was officially declared off.

The grandstand attached to the race course of the Bluebonnets Jockey Club at Montrose, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$40,000.

Ira K. Pool of Gloversville, N. Y., an Eastern coal miner, was shot and dangerously wounded.

According to the National Highway Protective Society 83 persons were killed in New York City by vehicles during the month of August.

An advance of ten per cent. in wages was yesterday granted by the Colburn Machine Tool company at Franklin, Pa., to its 250 employees.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago applied for membership in the civilian military training camp, which will open at Fort Sheridan, Ill., September 20.

A large statue of Jupiter and other important archaeological discoveries were on the site of the ancient city of Cyrene, in the Barca region, Africa.

## Strong Rally in Foreign Exchange

RECOVERY WAS AS SPECTACULAR AS ITS RECENT DECLINE MORE GOLD COMING

Heavy Foreign Selling of Securities Was a Factor in the Restoration of Rates—Normal Rates Expected Soon

New York, Sept. 2.—Recovery of foreign money values in this market was as spectacular and swift today as in its recent decline. Sterling gained eight and one fourth cents from last night's quotation, touching \$4.62 1-2 at the close; francs gained fourteen cents, on the day's transactions, going to 8.95 and lire showed an improvement of nine cents to 4.65. Reichsmarks, inactive, gained a quarter of a point, reaching 89 3-4.

Rally Clears the Situation. Today's sudden and unprecedented rally clarified the situation for the time being and led to the belief that rates were nearly approaching normal.

The arrival of British and French delegates here within the next few days was anticipated as they were thought to have a wholesome effect on the market and would lead to further gains tomorrow.

Delegates Reported En Route. It was reported, without confirmation, that the British delegates, whose departure the censor has cloaked with secrecy, were aboard a British ship and that they would soon be landed at Halifax, on their way to New York.

Big Shipment of Gold. From authoritative sources it was learned that another big consignment of British gold and American securities is on the way to Halifax on a British man-of-war. The received here, both of them coming to Halifax on a British man-of-war. The gold and securities in these shipments totalled about \$110,000,000. This sum, it was assumed, was to be exceeded in at least two other shipments of similar shipments now en route or contemplated.

The next big gold shipment from abroad was not expected here this week but it was thought, should reach this city early next week. Another shipment, it was said, would follow close behind.

Heavy Foreign Selling of Securities. Heavy foreign selling of securities was a factor in the restoration of rates today, as well as general covering of short contracts. Cables from abroad told of the forcing out of American stocks and bonds by the hands of British holders by the attractive premiums offered at prevailing exchange rates.

With the arrival here of the British and French financiers believed to be only a few days off, a general readjustment of the entire situation appeared to be in the air. French and American bankers here were optimistic that the crisis had passed.

PLANS FOR CORRECTING EXCHANGE SITUATION Commissions from England and France on Their Way Here.

London, Sept. 2, 7:15 p. m.—Plans for correcting the abnormal exchange situation and putting on a stable basis the entire machinery of settling trade balances between America and Europe will be clarified within the next few days on the arrival in New York of the French and British financial commissions.

Both commissions have received their instructions and are now on their way. The French commissioners, having sailed from London yesterday, are expected to arrive here today. The British authorities have requested that details regarding the British commission be not discussed until the delegates are well on their way. The zone, after which all reservations will be removed and the subject opened to the fullest discussion.

Meanwhile it is known that the commissions are in a position to correct some misapprehensions which are believed to exist in the United States concerning the French and Russian dependence on America. One of the best informed authorities said today:

"The idea seems to prevail in New York that we are on our knees and begging America to come to our assistance. The situation is exactly the reverse. America wants to sell Europe its goods and if Americans hope to continue these sales they must find a means of giving the usual credits and stabilizing exchange."

The British commissioners are fully conversant with the attitude of the government, which does not regard the present situation as alarming. On the contrary, the government view is decidedly hopeful and serene as the recent success of the allied forces in the war has given it confidence that the largest financial problems can be readily surmounted.

ONE YANKEE SOLDIER WORTH TWO GERMANS ANY DAY. They Are Real Fighters, Says Canadian Minister of Military General Sam Hughes.

New York, Sept. 2.—General Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, who arrived last night on the Adriatic, expressed opinion that the war will not end for many months. He takes little stock in stories from London and elsewhere that peace prospects soon may be bright. He stated: "My hat is off to the Yankees fighting in our ranks. One of 'em's worth two Germans any day. The soldiers from there are the greatest in the world. We are proud of our Yankees. They are real fighters."

National Missionary Campaign. Portland, Me., Sept. 2.—A national missionary campaign with a series of conventions in 75 cities throughout the country, will be conducted this fall and winter under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

It will be concluded with a national missionary congress in Washington. Portland has been selected as one of the cities, and the convention here will be held on five days, beginning November 15.

Former Mayor Louis R. Cheney, of Hartford, was in police court yesterday charged with violation of traffic rules which he helped to formulate when he was the city's executive head. He was fined \$2.